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PARKS**

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Centennial Strategy for

# Chiricahua National Monument

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**Site:** CHIR

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**Vision Statement**

By 2016 Chiricahua National Monument will be an isolated "sky island" in description only, having successfully established networks to connect the park with partners and supporters to become a regional recreation and tourism hot-spot, a magnet for inspiring educational activities and a catalyst for resource stewardship initiatives that extend beyond park boundaries. Upgraded and enhanced exhibits, brochures and web offerings will introduce the "Wonderland of Rocks" to diverse and far-flung audiences. Park facilities will be enjoyable, safe, fully accessible, well-maintained and models of environmental sustainability. Professional and accountable work practices will permeate park planning, project execution, administration, workforce management and visitor services. The park will work with regional, national and international partners to continue the protection of the clean air, dark skies, scenic viewsheds, natural sounds and biodiversity that define the park's superlative wilderness character. Recreational opportunities available in the park and particularly along the historic trail system will enhance the park's reputation as a hiking mecca. The high morale of park employees that is generated by safe, comfortable and efficient working conditions available to all employees will be manifested in the pleasant visitor contacts that take place 24/7 every day of the year. Every school in Cochise County will use the park's resources in some fashion, and multiple opportunities for youth involvement in resource stewardship are available. A fuller understanding of the "climate" of the park - to include the geological processes, climate change and human influences that have shaped the park we know today - will increase the appreciation and involvement of park visitors, partners and neighbors. The park will serve as a superlative example of America's natural and cultural heritage preserved within the National Park System and will connect its compelling stories both intellectually and emotionally with all who experience its resources.

**Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager**

Brian Carey

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Utilize the Accessibility Survey to inform the design of all visitor and employee visitor facility rehabilitation projects, to include the Visitor Center and Picnic Area projects.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

☒ Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

Halt the further deterioration of Faraway Ranch historic assets by designing and implementing a rehabilitation and preventative maintenance program.

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☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Design a Wilderness Management Plan to preserve and protect the wilderness character in the designated wilderness portion of the park.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Encourage children to be future conservationists.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Ensure that all young visitors to the park have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Ranger program.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

☒ Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

Manage fleet operations to increase the percentage of alternative fuel, hybrid and electric vehicles.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.

☒ Demonstrate environmental excellence through increased use of alternative energy and fuels at every park.

Manage fleet operations to increase the percentage of alternative fuel, hybrid and electric vehicles.

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☒ Serve as a model for energy efficiency, under Executive Order 13423, by ensuring Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

Improve energy efficiency of visitor center as part of rehabilitation project.

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RECREATION

☒ Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

☒ Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

Design accessible trail for Faraway Ranch.

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☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Work with partners to develop interest in interconnected trail system with Coronado National Forest.

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RECREATION

☒ Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.

☒ Increase the number of visitors that attend ranger-facilitated programs such as campfire talks, hikes, and school programs.

Expand the number of ranger-facilitated programs available during peak visitation months using additional seasonal staff.

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EDUCATION

☒ Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

☒ Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

Use Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program to access design talent for web-based features for the park web site.

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EDUCATION

☒ Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

☒ Enroll an additional two million children in the Junior Ranger program.

Ensure that all young visitors to the park have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Ranger program.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Be one of the top 10 places to work in America.

☒ Meet 100 percent of diversity recruitment goals by employing people who reflect the face of America.

Utilize creative recruitment strategies and multiple hiring authorities to diversify the current work force.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Utilize Park Asset Management Plan to strategically plan for rehabilitation and maintenance of park facilities.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

☒ Reduce the number of employee lost-time incidents and serious visitor injuries by 20 percent.

Design park safety action plan and recharter employee committees to establish a safety culture amongst park employees.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Model what it means to work in partnership.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Work with local community to develop a support group for the park and specifically for Faraway Ranch.

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